

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☒

Property Name: Peoples & Lynch Inventory Number: WO-582
Address: Assateague Island, Maryland City: _____ Zip Code: 21811
County: Worcester USGS Topographic Map: Whittington Point, MD
Owner: United States of America Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes
Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
Project: Hunting Lodge & Retention Properties Agency: National Park Service
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Historic Context Study of Waterfowl Hunting Camps and Related Properties within Assateague Island National Seashore, MD & VA. Eschelman, R.E. and P.A. Russell. 2004

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Physical Description of Structures: A 1969 appraisal describes the Peoples & Lynch hunting lodge as "a one-story frame resort cottage with the original portion having been constructed approximately 22 years ago [circa 1947] and an addition, 8' X 24', containing two bedrooms and bath added at a later date. This cottage contains seven (7) rooms... The original building was 24' X 34.5' and an addition of 8' X 24'." It is probable that the original structure was five rooms built in or about 1947, and after it was moved a short distance to its current location in 1953, was remodeled with a two-room addition. The structure is built on cinder block piers, with a wood frame, asphalt shingles over pseudo-brick tar paper, and a green asphalt shingle roof.

Adjacent to the cottage are the remains of two wood planked walkways leading from the house into the adjacent marshes, and three collapsed wooden storage sheds. The remains of a former duck blind are located approximately 250 feet to the west across marsh and open water.

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Date Prepared: 3/28/2012

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Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: _____

Jonathan Sayer
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

6/8/12
Date

[Signature]
Reviewer, NR Program

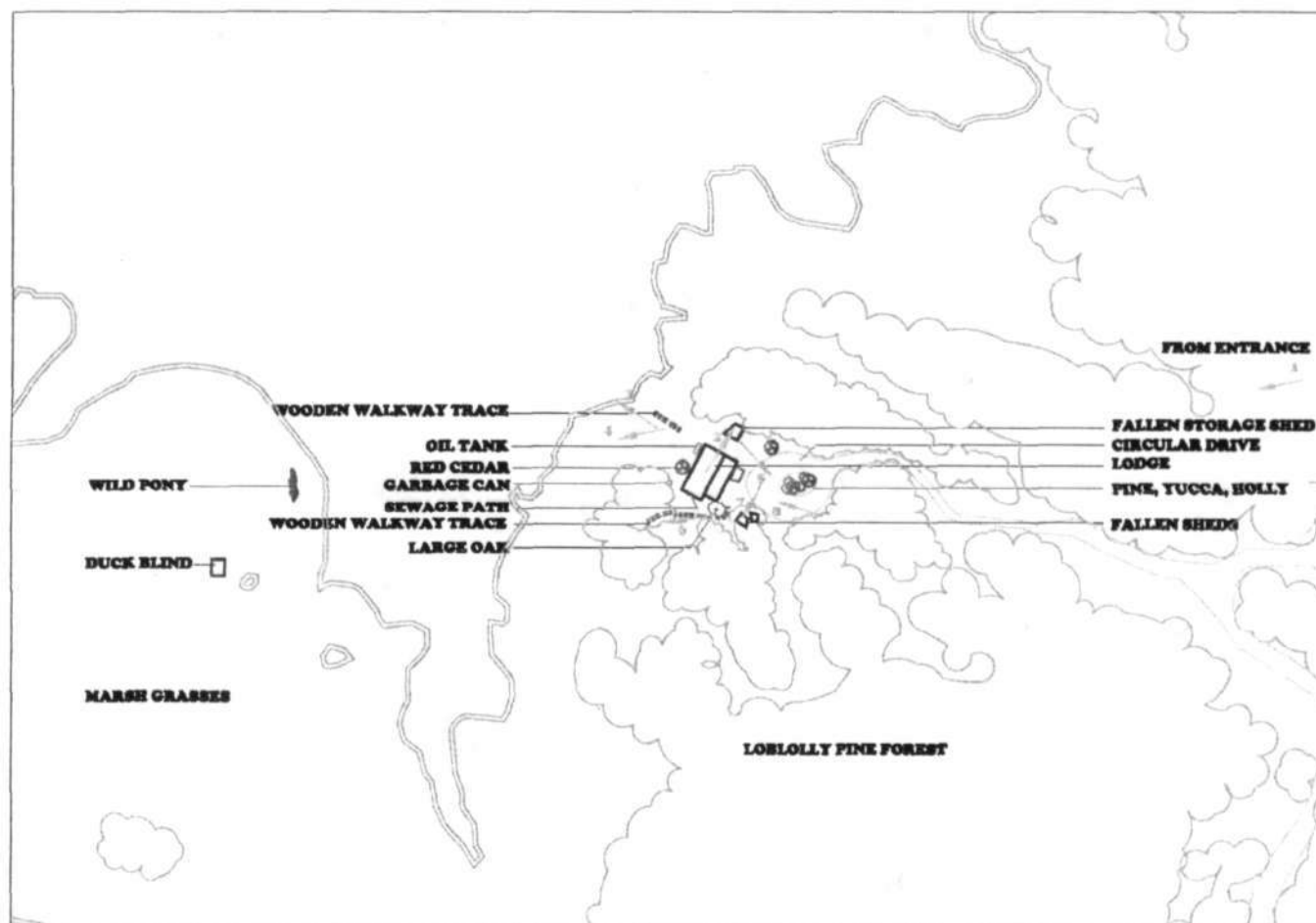
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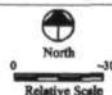
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Existing Conditions Map



SOURCES:
1997 Aerial photography
Field observation

SHRUB/TREE LINE EVERGREEN BUILDING
SHORELINE POST OR POLE PHOTOGRAPH DIRECTION & NUMBER



PEOPLES-LYNCH LODGE EXISTING CONDITIONS MAP

Hunting Lodge Properties Study-Assateague Island National Seashore
National Park Service-Philadelphia Support Office
August 2000

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Brief History

Peoples & Lynch (property part of Worchester Gun Club in 1926) (1947?)

An appraisal of the property dated May 12, 1969, states the property includes, "an all-season cottage and three small islands is most suitable for a small hunting and fishing facility, as well as privately-owned resort recreational cottage. The entire property does not lend itself to a large hunting club but only to a small operation." The same appraisal mentions five duck blinds. A second appraisal dated June 27, 1969, lists the type of property as "Shooting Lodge and Waterfowl Blind Sites Subject, in use as a waterfowl shooting lodge The waterfowl shooting in the area has always been very good Parsons Island . . . w/two blinds Ennis Island. . .w/three blinds. . .Purnells Bar. . .w/three blinds. . .A tiny shell island [Shell Island] w/one blind. . . site is improved with a one story frame gunning lodge." "Although a private camp, he [Junior Evans] did have some commercial parties."

William I. Purnell, Frank Parsons, and Elijah R Ennis, of the Worcester Gun Club, obtained a patent from the State of Maryland in 1926 for unclaimed land which they named Purnell's Bar, Ennis Island, and Parsons Island. South Ocean Beach Inc., sold a portion of Lot 4, Block 937 [Tract 7-340] to Edward C. "Junior" Evans, Jr., in 1953. In the deed Evans was required to move "the old building (which is now or was partially on said Lot 4) . . . will remodel said building . . . including 30 degree pitch roof, outside wall sheathing with board siding or shingles . . ."

The porch is located on the land side with a bay window providing a grand view of the water. The interior walls are knotty pine. Parsons and Ennis (Purnell died sometime prior to this) sold their holding to Evans in 1955 who then sold his combined holdings (Ennis Island, Parsons Island, Purnell's Bar, and Lot 4) to Stanley J. Devaney in 1957. Devaney owned a construction company. He bought clients to the lodge before he sold his holdings in 1964 to Richard A. Peoples, a doctor in Delaware, and Donald J. Lynch, totaling approximately 20 acres. The property was sold to the US Government in 1972 with a 25-year retention for use of the house and hunting rights. Ernest J. Peoples, brother of Richard, was arrested January 5, 1989, for shooting two too many black ducks. Apparently Donald Lynch was the actual culprit. There reputedly were also violations in 1984 and 1988. This plus a lack of remorse by said parties caused the hunting rights to be revoked for one year from August 1989 to August 1990. After notification Peoples sent a letter of apology on August 24, 1989, and their hunting rights were reinstated on September 2, 1989.

Excerpted from:

Eschelman, R.E. and P.A. Russell. 2004. Historic Context Study of Waterfowl Hunting Camps and Related Properties within Assateague Island National Seashore, Maryland and Virginia. National Park Service, Berlin, MD.

Eligibility Recommendation

The Peoples & Lynch property was a private, non-membership residence where waterfowl hunting was conducted on a regular basis and, as such, is associated with the historic context of commercial and recreational hunting on Assateague Island. Although used for waterfowl hunting, possibly including some limited commercial use, the property does not appear to have played a significant role in the history of hunting on Assateague Island, and has no known relationship with significant persons. While the location of the lodge in the landscape is highly characteristic, the architecture of the structure lacks any noteworthy design or construction qualities. The property contains the remains of several characteristic features including wood walkways and storage sheds but all are in an advanced state of deterioration. Because its ordinary design, construction, and use of materials, the Lodge has no potential to yield important information about human history. For these reasons, the Peoples & Lynch property is considered to be without historical significance and therefore **ineligible** for the National Register of Historic Places.

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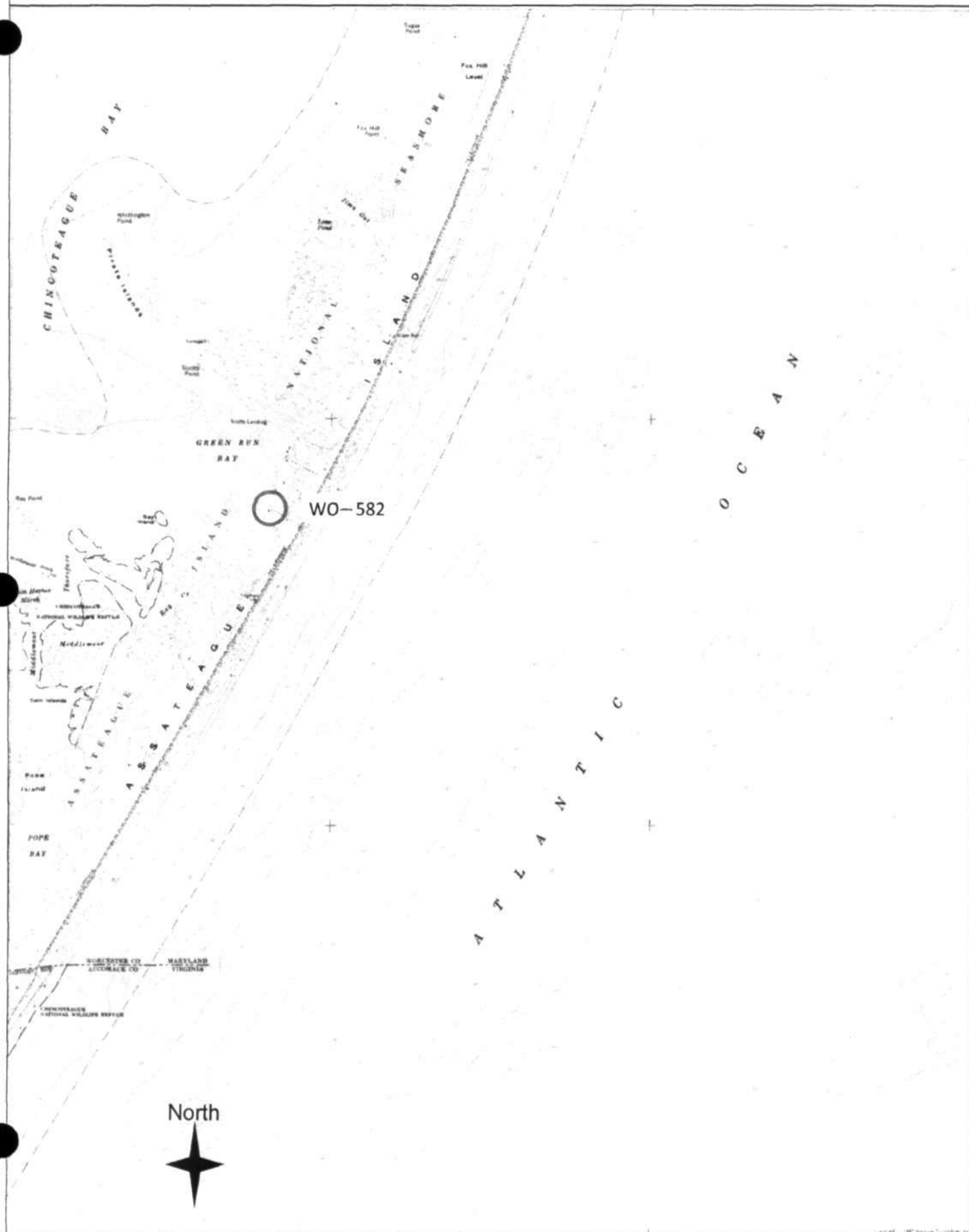
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Assateague Island, Worcester County, Maryland

USGS Topographic Quadrangle – Whittington Point



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Photograph Log

Image File Name	Image Description
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WO-0582_2007-6-18_02.tif	View of east side of Lodge and front entrance.
WO-0582_2007-6-18_03.tif	North end of Lodge
WO-0582_2007-6-18_04.tif	Remains of old car and fuel storage tank
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Circular drive in front of Peoples &
Lynch Lodge

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View of East side of Lodge and Front
Entrance

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North end of lodge

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Remains of old CAR and storage TANK

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Remains of wood storage shed

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